



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ready for School. Set for Life.

Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Director's Report

September 5th, 2012

Statewide Updates

- **School Readiness Indicators and Benchmarks:** Two presentations were provided during the Summit, and recommendations were made to the Board at their meeting directly after the Summit ended. Regional-level benchmark discussion will begin soon.
- **Research and Evaluation National Advisory Panel:** The National Advisory Panel's report provides recommendations and a framework for evaluating First Things First's strategies. The report is posted on the FTF website at <http://www.azftf.gov/whoweare/board/pages/reportsandpubs.aspx>. Additionally, there will be a National Advisory Panel webinar on the following dates: September 11th from 2:00 to 3:30pm, and September 12th from 10:30am to 12:00.
- **Quality Assurance:** FTF is working on a quality assurance system that involves a continuum of performance and programmatic monitoring. The QA process is a team approach in collaboration with grant partners. A strength-based, comprehensive quality assurance assessment will be used to evaluate the implementation of the standards of practice and support grant partners through technical assistance that addresses specific issues and concerns. The results of the QA process have the potential to inform and strengthen the development of the standards of practice and our system.
- **FTF 2012 Annual Report:** A.R.S. 8-1192 A(4) requires the FTF Board to prepare an annual report describing the funds distributed and the outcomes achieved for children and families. At the Board meeting on August 21st, the Board approved the 2012 Annual Report. This report will soon be available on the FTF website at <http://www.azftf.gov/whoweare/board/pages/reportsandpubs.aspx>.

Regional Updates

- **Vacancies:** Two seats remain vacant on the Regional Partnership Council: the Philanthropic Representative and the Early Childhood Educator.
- **FY13 Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy:** A community survey was developed, and is in review by the Outreach Subcommittee. The survey, along with a description of the strategy, will be provided to the Tribal Administrator during a meeting September 5th for review and to request tribal approval to conduct the survey.

Upcoming Events

October 1st and 2nd: FTF Board Meeting in Phoenix

- The October Board meeting will have a few key agenda items, including: Regional Needs and Assets Assessments, Regional Funding Allocations, and Benchmarks for the School Readiness Indicators.

October 3rd: Chairs and Vice Chairs Leadership Forum in Phoenix

- Regional Council Chairs and Vice Chairs will meet with the State Board Chair and Vice Chair.

October 9th: Grantee Coordination Meeting at Yuma County Public Health Services District, 2200 W. 28th Street

- FTF Grantees in the Yuma area will meet to discuss coordination and collaboration of services. At this coordination meeting, grantees will participate in *Early Childhood Every Day*, a new training on conducting community outreach.

October 18th: Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting, Harvest Preparatory Academy Auditorium Room, 350 E. 18th Street, Yuma, at 4:30pm

- The Yuma Regional Partnership Council meeting notices are posted at www.azftf.gov/yuma.

October 23rd: Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting at 3:00pm

- The next Regional Partnership Council meeting will take place at 3:00pm on Tuesday, October 23rd.